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1. On the Rumanian bank of the Danube River the Giurgiu-Ruse bridge now under construction starts at the Giurgiu railroad line and passes by the sugar factory, following a curved line over to the Bulgarian bank of the Danube. The bridge will pass over the Mocanu canal (140 meters), Mocanu Island, over the principal Danube waterway (about 500 meters), Ostrov, and over the canal which borders the Bulgarian territory.
2. The construction, which was started in 1951, is now finished on the Rumanian side up to the Danube's principal waterway. The construction consists of metallic structures on concrete piers and is 14 meters wide. It supports a road and a railroad. On the left bank of the river's main course one of the first piers has been finished, and a second one situated about 150 meters east is being built. This second pier, started in 1951, collapsed in the autumn of 1952 because of insufficient soundings.
3. Four ferry-boats are currently being used for the soundings. On Mocanu Island and to the left of the bridge a large brick construction will soon be finished. On the right side of the bridge a yard has been set up with barracks for the workers and supplies. About two thousand workers are working on the construction. Prior to 1952 only Rumanian technicians were being utilized, but since the collapse of the pier the number of workers has been doubled by Soviet technicians. Supplies are transported on barges and by railroad.
4. On the Bulgarian side a pier has been constructed which closely borders the river. A second pier had collapsed here also and one part of it emerges above the water.
5. The river traffic is not interrupted by the work being carried on.

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